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ABSTRACT

A summary of the results of a statewide education resource base survey conducted in the summer of 1977 provides school users with educational resource information originating in New Jersey. Educational improvement centers, county offices, colleges, universities, and other educational centers in the state yielded an 86 percent response rate to the 90 questionnaires sent out, which were designed to elicit information relative to the general nature and extent of resource base holdings and services. The general information section of completed questionnaires revealed that 43 of 77 respondents had a base, and 28 of those reported meeting their clients' needs. A section asking for major focuses of the various data collections included the areas of administration/management, curriculum/teaching, general/professional, research/evaluation, and student/human services. Responses to the final section, which was concerned with the types of resources held and the organizations' dissemination activities, indicated that most holdings were commercially developed, most are reviewed annually, most are accessible to the public, and most organizations offer visitor assistance, consultive services, and answer inquiries. Appendices provide the geographic distribution of bases, focus of collections, and product-based and assistance-related dissemination activities, as well as a copy of the survey questionnaire. (FM)

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EDUCATION RESOURCE BASE SURVEY

Introduction

This report presents a summary of the results of the New Jersey Statewide education resource base survey conducted during the Summer of 1977. This survey is part of the SEA Dissemination Unit effort to increase educators awareness and utilization of available resource bases which exist throughout New Jersey. The report is an attempt to provide school users with educational resource information originating in-state .

Procedure

A questionnaire was designed to elicit information from the directors of the varied educational resource bases relative to the general nature and extent of their holdings and services.

The questionnaires were sent to 90 educational agencies within the state. This included the four Educational Improvement Centers, the twenty one County Offices and the Colleges, Universities and other Educational Centers in New Jersey. Follow-up of the questionnaire was done by telephone. The final number of questionnaires received was 63. In addition, 14 responded by telephone. The response rate was of 86 percent.

The distribution of responses by EIC region is as follows:

EIC REGION

Educational Agencies	Northeast	Northwest	Central	South	Total
EIC	1	1	1	1	4
County Offices	4	6	5	6	21
Colleges & Universities	12	6	14	7	39
Other Educational Centers	1	-	9	3	13
Total	18	13	29	17	77

Analysis of Data

This report summarizes the data gathered by the "Statewide Education Resource Base Location Form." The report is divided into three parts describing the results of each particular section of the Survey: general information, collection focuses, and overview information.

A. General Information

The questions in this section requested information on the existance of the resource base, the extent to which it met the needs of the constituants and the type of agencies to which the respondent wished the information contained in the form be distributed.

Of the 77 respondents, 43 indicated to have an education resource base. The distributior of organizations with an educational resource base is as follows: five in the Northeast, thirteen Northwest, seventeen Central, and eight in the South. A visual representation of the organizations by county and region is presented in Appendix A as well as a list of the organizations with the address, telephone number, and name of the contact person.

From the 43 respondents that indicated to have an educational resource base, 28 reported that their resource base met the needs of their clients. Many of the respondents (four out of every five respondents) expressed not having any preference in terms of to whom the information be distributed. It was almost equally distributed between state education agencies, local education agencies, colleges and universities and any other educational center in New Jersey.

B. Collection Focuses

This section of the survey asks for the major focuses of their collection, (e.g. administration/management; curriculum/teaching; general professional; research/evaluation; and, student/human services).

Responses in the administration and management area address such topics as general supervision, classroom management, educational administration; general educational planning, and in particular "T&E" planning and regulations.

The curriculum and teaching area includes curriculum guides; materials related to curriculum development in most subject areas, such as, Arts and Science, Career Education, Values Education, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Speech Therapy; as well as teaching materials and validated programs.

The general professional area refers to such topics as teacher education, general professional education and competency based education.

In the area of research and evaluation, the collections includes books in the fields of evaluation, research and measurement and in many cases collections of standardized and teacher made tests.

The area of student and human services focuses on such topics as counseling, career guidance, values clarification, learning disabilities and nursing.

The table included in Appendix B presents the information provided by the respondents completing this section. Note that almost all of the organizations, 97 percent, indicated as their major focus of their collection curriculum and teaching. The second major area of collection was indicated as general professional, 68 percent. All of the other areas of collection were reported by approximately 50 percent of the organizations. Ten of the 31 organizations claimed to have all of the five areas in their collections.

C. Overview Information

Of primary interest in the last section is the type of resources of the entire collection and the dissemination activities in which the organization is engaged.

In regard to the type of resources most respondents indicated as text books, curriculum guides and periodicals the primary types of resources in

their collection. This corresponds to 90, 67, and 64 percent respectively. This information is based on 42 of the 43 respondents who indicated having an educational resource base. One respondent did not answer the question. The following table shows the position of each of the types of resource:

	Number	Percent
Books	38	90
Consultant	21	50
Curriculum guides	28	67
Films	20	48
Games	24	57
Fische	24	57
Laps	9	21
Periodicals	27	64
Tests	20	48
Workbooks	21	50
Software materials	25	60

Approximately 70 percent of the holding were commercially developed. However, it is interesting to note that locally developed material ranged from 5 to 100 percent. There are many organizations which develops their own materials.

Most respondents reported reviewing their collection for relevance of materials at least once a year. This means that collections are kept up to date. Except in four cases respondents indicated that their collection was reviewed and updated during the last year.

The questions related to the accessibility of the collection indicated that the majority of organizations, more than 80 percent of the organizations, responded to telephone requests and that they have a staff member available to demonstrate the collection to the visitors and/or to help them in the search. It should be mentioned that approximately twenty-eight percent of the organizations limited the use of their collection to members of the staff and/or students.

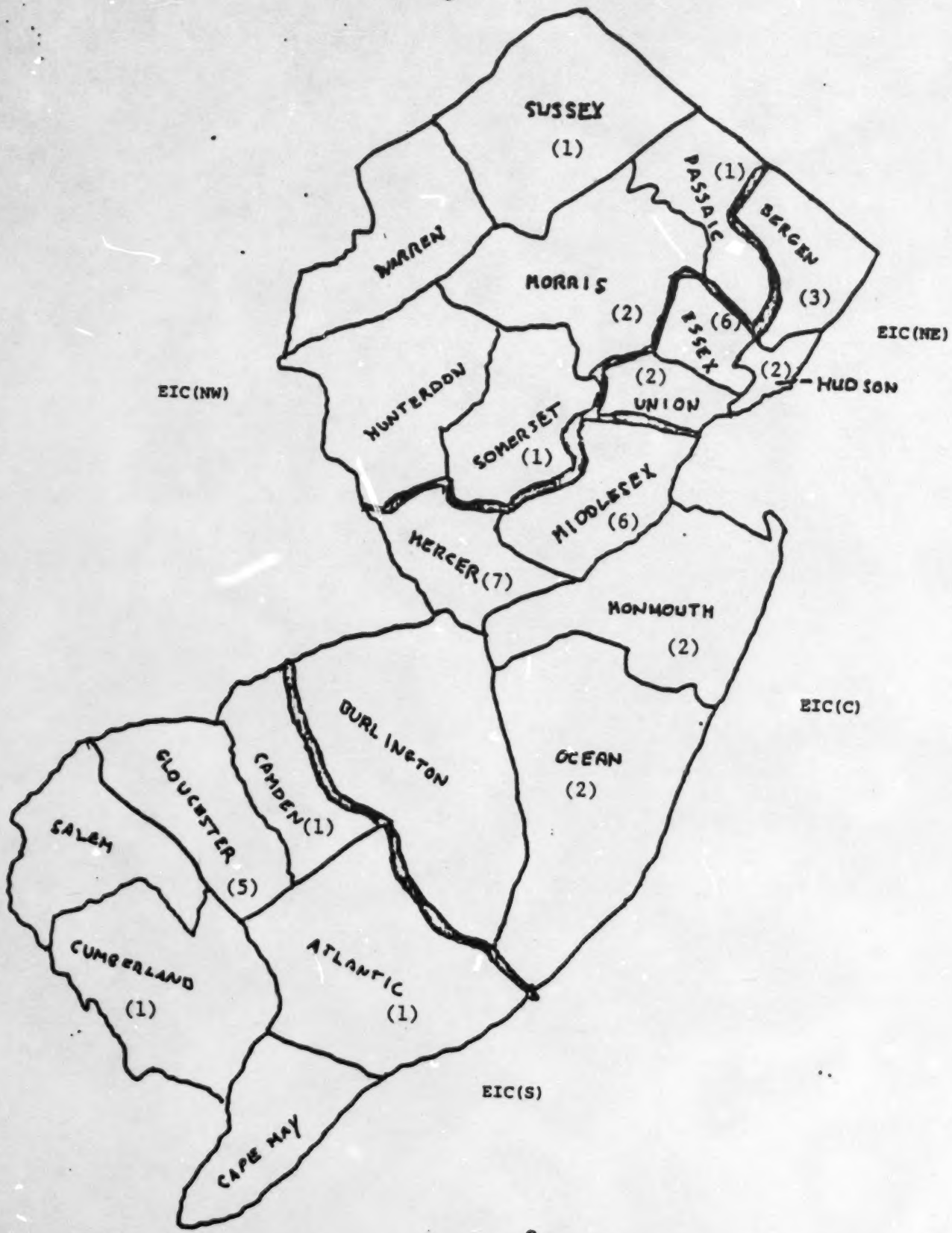
Only five of the organizations reported they do computer searches. These

organizations are the Northeast Educational Improvement Center, the New Jersey Occupational Resource Center at Edison, Educational Testing Services, Kean College and Richard Stockton State College. Most of the organizations have facilities at their location for the reproduction of materials at a cost of 05 to 10 cents per page.

According to the survey results the dissemination activities in which most of the organizations engage in are: offering assistance to visitors, the offering of consultive services, as well as, answering inquiries. The replies to the dissemination question are detailed in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A

Number of Organizations with and Education Resource Base by County and EIC Region



APPENDIX B

REGION	ORGANIZATIONS	COLLECTION FOCUS				
		Administration & Management	Curriculum & Teaching	General Professional	Research & Evaluation	Student & Human Services
NORTHEAST	Educational Improvement Center - NE	X	X	X	X	X
	Kean College of N.J.-Instructional Resource Center *		X	X		X
	Montclair State College-Curriculum Resource Center		X	X	X	X
	Ramapo College of N.J.-Div. of Teacher Education/Physical Ed	X	X	X	X	X
	Rutgers Newark-Dept. of Education		X			
	Seton Hall University-McLaughlin Library	X	X	X	X	X
	St. Peter's College-Dept. of Education		X		X	
	Northeast Learning Resource Center-Nutley		X	X	X	
NORTHWEST	Educational Improvement Center - NW	X	X	X	X	X
	William Paterson College	X	X	X	X	X
CENTRAL	Monmouth County Office					
	Ocean County Office	X	X	X		X
	Brookdale Community College-Educ. Exchange Center	X	X			
	Georgian Court College		X	X		
	Rutgers Univ.-N.J. Curriculum Management Center					X
	Rutgers Univ.-Graduate School of Education		X			
	Rutgers Univ.-Educational Resource Center, Cook College Dept.		X			
	Rutgers Univ.-Oscar K. Buros Learning Resource Center		X	X		
	Trenton State College Library-Curriculum Materials Center	X	X	X	X	X
	Westminster Choir College*		X			
	New Jersey School Board Assoc.-Trenton **		X	X	X	
	N.J. Occupational Resource Center-Edison	X	X		X	
	Center for Consumer Education-Edison	X	X	X	X	X
	Educational Testing Service		X			
		X	X		X	X
SOUTH	Educational Improvement Center - S					
	Gloucester County Office	X	X	X	X	X
	Glassboro State College-Savitz Library	X	X	X	X	X
	Gloucester County College-Library/Media Center	X	X	X	X	X
	Richard-Stockton State College-Office of Teachers Ed.	X	X	X		X
	Learning Resource Center-Washington Twp.	X	X	X		
	Camden County Interning for Learning-Loring Flemming School		X	X	X	
			X	X		

* At present, the collection is limited to students and faculty members.

** Limited to district boards of education

APPENDIX C

A. INFORMATION RELATED DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	Computer Document Searches	Manual Searches	Referral Services	Hardcopy Library Loan	Curriculum Products	Successful Practices	Human Resources File	Microfiche Collections	Inquiry Answering	Software Loan
NORTHEAST	Educational Improvement Center-NE	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
	Bergen County Office						X	X			X
	Kean College of N.J.-Instructional Resource Center										
	Montclair State College-Curriculum Resource Center		X		X		X		X	X	X
	Ramapo College of N.J. Div. of Teacher Ed./Phys. Ed.	X	X		X	X	X			X	
	Seton Hall University-McLaughlin Library		X	X					X	X	
	St. Peter's College-Department of Education		X			X				X	X
	Northeast Learning Resource Center-Nutley		X		X	X				X	X
	Union College-MacKay Library		X		X	X		X	X	X	X
NORTH WEST	Educational Improvement Center-NW		X	X	X	X			X	X	X
	Sussex County Office			X			X	X			
	Somerset County College		X	X	X				X	X	X
CENTRAL	Educational Improvement Center-C		X	X		X	X	X	XTests	X	X
	Monmouth County Office		X				X			X	
	Brookdale Community College-Ed. Exchange Center		X	X		X				X	
	Georgian Court College					X		X	X		
	Mercer County Community College		X	X	X				X	X	X
	Rutgers Univ.-N.J. Curriculum Management Center	X	X	X		X			X	X	
	Rutgers Univ.-Educational Resource Center, Cook College				X		X				X
	Rutgers Univ.-Oscar K. Buros Learning Resource Center		X			X				X	
	Trenton State College Library Mgt. Center								X		
	New Jersey School Boards Association-Trenton	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
	N.J. Occupational Resource Center-Edison	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
	Educational Testing Service	X	X	X	X				X	X	
SOUTH	Educational Improvement Center-S		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
	Gloucester County Office		X	X		X		X		X	
	Glassboro State College-Savitz Library		X	X	X	X			X	X	X
	Gloucester County College-Library/Media Center		X	X	X	X			X	X	X
	Richard Stockton State College-Office of Teacher Ed.	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
	Learning Resource Center-South			X	X			X	X	X	X
	Camden County Interning for Learning-Loring Flemming School					X					
	TOTAL	7	23	18	16	17	9	10	19	25	16

B. PRODUCT RELATED DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

REGION	ORGANIZATION	Evaluation Services	Reproduction Services	Fiche	Document	Abstract	News Letters	Directories	Data Sheets	Publications Lists	Indexes	Training Materials	Conference Proceedings
NORTHEAST	Educational Improvement Center-NE	X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X
	Bergen County Office							X	X	X		X	
	Caldwell College											X	
	Kean College-Instr'l. Res. Center	X	X									X	
	Montclair State College-Curr. Res. Center		X	X			X	X	X	X	X		
	Ramapo College-Div. of Tchr. Ed./Phys.Ed.						X	X		X			
	Seton Hall Univ.-McLaughlin Library		X		X	X	X		X	X		X	
	St. Peter's College-Dept. of Ed.	X	X										
	Northeast Learning Res. Center-Nutley		X				X	X				X	
	Union College-MacKay Library		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
NO. WEST	Educational Improvement Center-NW	X	X	X	X(ERIC)	X(ERIC)	X	X		X	X	X	
	Somerset County College		X	X		X	X			X	X		X
CENTRAL	Educational Improvement Center-C	X	X	X	(No Data Rec'd.)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Monmouth County Office							X	X				
	Brookdale Comm. College-Ed. Exc. Center		X				X	X		X		X	
	Georgian Court College			X				X					
	Mercer County Comm. College			X		X		X			X		
	Rutgers Univ.-Curr. Management Center		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
	Rutgers Univ.-Ed. Res. Center-Cook College						X						
	Rutgers Univ.-Oscar K. Buros Lrng. Res. Center				X	X	X	X		X	X		
	Trenton State College Library-Curr. Mats. Center		X	X									
	Westminster Choir College-Music Ed. Res. Center						X			X		X	
	N.J. School Boards Association				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	N.J. Occupational Res. Center	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		
SOUTH	Educational Improvement Center		X	X	X	X	X					X	
	Gloucester County Office		X		X	X		X	X			X	
	Glassboro State College-Savitz Library	X	X	X			X	X		X		X	
	Gloucester County College-Library/Media Center		X	X	X			X				X	
	Richard Stockton State Coll.-Ofc. of Tchr. Ed.		X	X	X			X		X	X		X
	Learning Res. Center-South			X			X						
	TOTAL	7	19	16	11	11	17	20	7	17	12	15	6

REGION	ORGANIZATION	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATED DISSEMINATION ACTIVITE: Consultant Services	Informational Analysis	Needs Assessment	Visitor Assistance	Field Representatives
NORTHEAST	Educational Improvement Center-NE	X	X	X	X	X
	Bergen County Office	X		X	X	X
	Caldwell College	X				
	Kean College of N.J.-Instructional Resource Center	X		X	X	
	Montclair State College-Curriculum Resource Center				X	
	St. Peter's College-Department of Education	X	X	X	X	
	Northeast Learning Resource Center	X		X	X	X
	Union College-MacKay Library		X		X	
NORTH WEST	Educational Improvement Center-NW	X			X	X
	Sussex County Office	X				
	College of St. Elizabeth	X				
CENTRAL	Educational Improvement Center-C	X	X	X	X	X
	Monmouth County Office	X	X	X	X	X
	Ocean County Office	X			X	
	Brookdale Community College-Educational Exchange Center	X			X	
	Georgian Court College	X			X	
	Mercer County Community College				X	
	Rutgers Univ.-N.J. Curriculum Mgmt. Center	X		X	X	X
	Rutgers Univ.-Graduate School of Education	X			X	
	Rutgers Univ.-Educational Resource Center, Cook College	X			X	
	Rutgers Univ.-Oscar K. Buros Learning Resource Center				X	
	Trenton State College Library-Curriculum Mats. Center				X	
	New Jersey School Boards Association	X	X			X
	N.J. Occupational Resource Center	X	X		X	
	Center for Consumer Education Services	X		X	X	X
	Educational Testing Center-Carl Campbell Brighem Lib.				X	
SOUTH	Educational Improvement Center-S	X		X	X	X
	Cumberland County Office	X			X	
	Gloucester County Office	X	X	X	X	X
	Glassboro College-Savitz Library	X	X	X	X	X
	Gloucester County College-Lib./Media Center	X			X	
	Richard Stockton State College-Office of Teacher Ed.				X	
	Learning Resource Center-South	X	X		X	X
	Camden County Interning for Learning Prog.-Lo ing Flemming School	X			X	
	TOTAL	27	10	12	31	13

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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STATEWIDE EDUCATION RESOURCE BASE LOCATION FORM

Please TYPE your responses in the spaces provided.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Does your organization have an Education Resource Base? yes ___ no ___
  If no – only complete the first page of the questionnaire and return it.
- Does the Education Resource Base, as it currently exists meet the needs of your constituents? yes ___ no ___
  If no – what are your plans to change the collection?
- Do you wish the information contained in this form be distributed to: (check all that apply)
  - ___ State Education Agencies?
  - ___ Local Education Agencies?
  - ___ Colleges & Universities in New Jersey?
  - ___ Other New Jersey information centers?
  - ___ All other agencies that respond to this form?

1. Name of Organization: _____
2. Address of Organization: _____
   _____
   _____
   (county) _____
3. Phone Number of Organization: ( ) _____ Ext. #
4. Title and/or name of Contact Person(s): (Title) _____
   (Name) _____
5. Short narrative description of the type of organization: _____
   _____
   _____
   _____

B. COLLECTION FOCUSES:

6. Major and minor focuses of this collection. Major focuses are all caps. List any applicable minor focuses under the major focus(es) you have checked. If your collection is unclassifiable according to this schema, please skip to question 7.

_____ ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT (01)
minor focuses: e.g. supervision, management, etc.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____ CURRICULUM/TEACHING (02)
minor focuses: e.g. subject areas, teaching materials, etc.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____ GENERAL PROFESSIONAL (03)
minor focuses: e.g. teacher education, general professional education, etc.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____ RESEARCH/EVALUATION (04)
minor focuses: e.g. tests, measurements, etc.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____ STUDENT/HUMAN SERVICES (05)
minor focuses: e.g. counseling, learning disabilities, etc.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____ OTHER – Please specify (06-99)
minor focuses:

_____

_____

_____

_____

7. If the above categorizations are not applicable to your collection(s) please describe your holdings in a manner that you feel will aid the reader of this questionnaire.

C. **OVERVIEW INFORMATION:** (This set of questions refers to the entire collection without respect to individual focuses or subfocuses.)

8. Primary types of resources in your total collection. Please check all that apply.

____ Books	____ Laps	Others: _____
____ Consultant	____ Periodicals	_____
____ Curriculum guides	____ Tests	_____
____ Films	____ Workbooks	_____
____ Games	____ Software materials	_____
____ Fiche: Are readers available? Yes ____ No ____		
How many: Total ____ Loan ____ Rent ____ Costs ____		

9. The holdings in this collection are: Locally developed _____ %
Commercially developed _____ %

10. Approximately what percentage of the materials listed above are for the use of:

Students (K-12)	_____ %	Board Members	_____ %
Students (College)	_____ %	Parents/Community	_____ %
Teachers	_____ %	Others: _____	_____ %
Administrators	_____ %	_____	_____ %

11. How extensive is this collection? Approximately _____ holdings.

12. In what year was the last complete review and update of this collection completed?
_____

13. How frequently is the collection reviewed for relevance of materials? _____

14. Do you respond to telephone requests asking if a particular item is in this collection?
Yes ____ No ____

15. Is a professional staff member available to demostrate to visitors how to use this collection?
Yes ____ No ____

16. Will a professional staff member conduct the search based on an inquiry? Yes ____ No ____

17. Is there a membership/subscription fee required for accessing this collection?
Yes ____ No ____

18. Is the membership/subscription limited to certain groups/individuals? Yes ____ No ____
Limited to: _____.

19. Approximately what percentage of materials in this collection may be:

A. borrowed _____ %	by whom? _____	length of loan? _____
B. rented _____ %	by whom? _____	length of rental? _____
C. purchased _____ %	cost: _____	
D. used only at location _____ %		length of use? _____

20. Are materials from this collection reproducable at the location listed above?
Yes ____ No ____ Cost: _____

21. Can the holdings in this collection be searched via a computer system? Yes ____ No ____
Which system? _____ Cost: _____
Turnaround time? _____

22. In which dissemination activities does this organization engage?
Please check all that apply.

A. Information Related-(are these services available through your facility?)

____ computer document searches	____ successful practices file	others:
____ manual searches	____ human resources file	_____
____ referral services	____ microfische collections	_____
____ hardcopy library loan	____ inquiry answering	_____
____ curriculum products	____ software loan	_____

B. Product Related-(which of these products do you offer to your constituents?)

____ evaluation services	____ directories	others:
____ reproduction services	____ data sheets	_____
____ fische	____ publications lists	_____
____ document	____ indexes	_____
____ abstract	____ training materials	_____
____ newsletters	____ conference proceedings	_____

C. Technical Assistance-(does your organization provide these services?)

____ consultant services	others:	
____ informational analysis	_____	_____
____ needs assessment	_____	_____
____ visitor assistance	_____	_____
____ field representatives	_____	_____

23. Do you know of any other project that is currently attempting to collate this type of data?
Yes ____ No ____ Who and Where? _____
_____
_____

24. Do you feel this project, when compiled and sent to you, will be a benefit to you and your constituents? Yes ____ No ____

Comments: _____
_____

25. Other notes or comments which may prove useful to persons who may wish to use this collection: